



Complex Demonstratives: A Quantificational Account (Paperback)

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MIT Press Ltd, United States, 2001. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . This book usually ship within 10-15 business days and we will endeavor to dispatch orders quicker than this where possible. Brand New Book. Since the late 1970s, the orthodox view of complex that phrases (e.g., that woman eating a granola bar) has been that they are contextually sensitive devices of direct reference. In Complex Demonstratives, Jeffrey King challenges that orthodoxy, showing that quantificational accounts not only are as effective as direct reference accounts but also handle a wider range of data. After providing arguments against direct reference accounts of that phrases and developing a quantificational theory of them, King looks at the interaction of that phrases with modal operators, negation, and verbs of propositional attitude. He argues for evidence of scope interaction between that phrases and other scoped elements. King also addresses semantic properties of that and other determiners, and the possibility of extending the semantics of that phrases to that as a syntactically simple demonstrative. Finally, he argues against what he calls ambiguity approaches, theories that hold that the various uses of that phrases cannot be treated by a single semantical theory.

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